



MARCH/APRIL 2007 NEWSLETTER

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TOWN HALL MEETING Budget

Thursday, May 10, 2007
6:30pm-8:00pm
Tully Community Library
880 Tully Road, San Jose

Dear District 7 Residents:

With budget season fast approaching, our office is getting ready for another lengthy, but rewarding, budget priority setting process. Our Mid Year Budget Review indicated the possibility of extra money in the 2007-2008 fiscal year, and this is exciting news.

I also have been visiting neighborhood associations throughout the district. If you haven't seen me at your neighborhood meeting yet, you will. Our next Town Hall meeting of the year will focus on the budget. Our office along with city staff will be present to answer your questions about the budget-setting process. The meeting will be on May 10th and held at our usual location, Tully Library- take a look at the Events/Meetings section of the newsletter for more information.

Another informative event that we are planning, in conjunction with our school districts, is the Partnerships for Safe Schools and Neighborhoods—A Community Forum on Youth, Crime, and Public Safety for District 7 families. Youth issues are something I care deeply about; our youth are our future and any way to remedy the problems that currently affect them is our responsibility. To tackle these issues I am hosting a discussion forum and inviting the San Jose Police Department, Franklin McKinley and East Side Union School District administrators, District 7 parents and students, to unite and discuss possible solutions. I look forward to working with you towards a safe and healthy community.

**Partnerships for Safe Schools and Neighborhoods—A Community
Forum on Youth, Crime, and Public Safety
April 22, 2007 from 10:00AM-12:00PM
Andrew Hill High School- Cafeteria**

Sincerely,

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

Dates and locations are subject to change. Please contact associations to confirm meeting details.

Alma Neighborhood Association

(408) 297-9135
Alma Senior Center
3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 pm

Tully-Senter SNI NAC

Santee Community Action Center
(408) 277-2980
1st Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm

Lanai Neighborhood Association

Resources For Families and Communities
(408) 277-2982
2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm

Washington Area Community Coalition SNI NAC

(408) 297-9135
Alma Senior Center
2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm

KONA SNI NAC Meeting (408) 277-2982

Boys & Girls Club
3rd Monday of every month at 6:30 pm

Kennedy Neighborhood Association

(408) 277-2980
Kennedy Elementary School
3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm

McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Association (408) 365-1300

Tully Community Library
2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm

Senter Road Creekside Neighborhood Association

St Maria Goretti Church
3rd Wednesday of Every Month 7:00 pm

Rocksprings Neighborhood Association (408) 277-2980

Social Services Agency, 1919 Senter Road
4th Wednesday of every month, 6:30pm

West Evergreen Neighborhood Action Committee SNI NAC

(408) 224-0415 or (408) 277-2980
O.B. Whaley School
4th Monday of every month at 6:30pm



District 7 Projects

FAMILY DAY- CANCELLED

At our recent Family Day Planning meeting on Monday, February 26, it was decided by those in attendance and our office that we would CANCEL the District 7 Family Day event scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2007. There were many reasons in cancelling this event, but the main reason was that there was not enough interest and participation from the neighborhood associations to plan such a large event. Even though Family Day is cancelled, our office would like to encourage each neighborhood association to plan events on a smaller scale in their communities, which would cater to their neighborhood. Our office is happy to help your neighborhoods should you decide to host smaller scale events.

SENTER ROAD WIDENING

City Council approved a contract to widen Senter Road to the bidder, Top Grade Construction, at the March 6, 2007 council meeting. The project is for improvements on Senter Road between Tully Road and Singleton Road. Residents will see new landscaping, gutters, sidewalk, driveways, street trees and Median Island landscaping. There will also be traffic signal modifications and additional left turn lanes in the north and south leg of Senter and Capitol expressways. Upon completion, this segment of the roadway will accommodate three lanes of traffic and a bicycle lane in each direction. Construction is scheduled to begin in April with completion in October 2007.

STREET SWEEPING SIGNS

My office has been working with the Department of Transportation for the past year to get permanent 'No Parking for Street Sweeping' signs installed in several areas in Council District 7. After several studies, much community input and exhausting alternative solutions, these areas have been qualified to have the signs installed. I would like to thank the community leaders in these areas for remaining patient during the lengthy process. I anticipate these projects will be complete in summer 2007.

The following areas have been considered by the Department of Transportation for the Fiscal Year 2006-2007: Terilyn Avenue/Miami Drive, Alvin Avenue/Fontaine Road, Seven Trees Blvd/Rancho Dr.



Useful Numbers: City-Wide Phone List

Call Center	535-3500
Non –Emergency	311
Graffiti/Litter	277-2758
Animal Care	578-7297
Child Abuse Reporting	299-2071
City Arborist	277-2762
Code Enforcement	277-4528
Crime Prevention	277-4133
Crime Stoppers	947-7867
Drug Hotline	971-3784
Domestic Violence Ctr.	277-3700
Department of Transportation	535-3850
Education, Office of	453-6500
Gang Hotline	277-4264
Garbage & Recycling	535-3515
Hazardous Materials	535-7750
Housing	975-4480
Neighborhood Development	723-4114
Parking Enforcement	534-2900
Senior Programs	277-4561
Sewer Problems	277-4373
Sidewalks	277-3158
Street Lights	277-5517
Street Maintenance	277-4373
Street Sweeping	535-3515
Volunteer San Jose	535-3500



AQUATICS PROGRAM

At the February 28th meeting, the San Jose City Council voted to expand the Aquatics Program for summer 2007. City Council unanimously voted to repair and reopen the Alviso, Biebrach, Mayfair and Ryland pools, along with leasing seven more pools from local schools to ensure community access of aquatic facilities throughout the city.

RECYCLE PLUS RATE PROPOSED INCREASES

Over 200,000 property owners in the City of San Jose will receive a public notice letter regarding the proposed Recycle Plus Rate increases. The City Council will be holding a public hearing on May 8, 2007 at 1:30pm in the Council Chambers to discuss the proposed Recycle Plus rate increases for garbage and recycling services. The proposal includes a maximum rate increase in services between 10-29% for Single Family and Multi-Family Dwelling Units. If you wish to protest the rate increase you must send a signed and written protest before the hearing on May 8th. You can mail or drop-off your responses to: Recycle Plus Rate Increase, City Clerk, 200 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA, 95113. Protests must include the parcel number of the property or properties you own, must be signed by the person writing the protest and may NOT be sent via email. If approved by council, garbage rate increases will be effective July 1, 2007.

MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW

Every year, the City Council lays out the Annual Budget Plan during the months of June and July. However, changing conditions during the year make a mid-year budget review a practical necessity. This year's Mid-Year Budget Review, found that San Jose's overall finances remain sound. Revenue has continued at or above estimated levels for the year and spending has remained within budget. After evaluation of the Mid-Year Budget Review city staff will recommend increasing funding in the Annual Budget Plan for Neighborhood Services such as the San Jose After School Program, and literacy programs as well as flood management programs, public safety programs, and various other city departments and activities.

REED REFORMS

Mayor Chuck Reed has promised to run an administration under the tenets of honesty, fiscal responsibility, and open government. The Mayor would like to start this process with a series of reforms named the Reed Reforms. Some of the recommendations made under the Reed Reforms include amendments to the lobbyist ordinance, revision of the city's ethics code, and conduct changes for the Mayor and Councilmembers. The recommendations are being reviewed by committees, respective city departments, the city attorney's office and others. Approval of the reforms will depend on City Council. The Mayor is optimistic about his reform package and the open government he hopes it will help foster. For complete list of the 'Reed Reforms' visit the Mayor's website at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/mayor/>.

State of the City: Good Neighbor Award

During the State of the City Address on Wednesday March 7, 2007, the Alma Neighborhood Association received the Good Neighbor Award for their work in the community. Mayor Reed and Councilmember Nguyen presented the medals to this group, which has worked very hard to complete projects that benefit them and their neighbors. Congratulations Alma Neighborhood Association!



PARTNERSHIPS FOR SAFE SCHOOLS AND NEIGHBORHOODS—A Community Forum on Youth, Crime, and Public Safety

You are invited to a thoughtful discussion between local school district administrators, law enforcement, students, parents and teachers to collaboratively look for solutions to the youth and crime issues in our city. For more information call 535-4907 or via email at district7@sanjoseca.gov.

WHEN: April 22, 2007 from 10:00AM-12:00PM

WHERE: Andrew Hill High School- Cafeteria, 3200 Senter Road

WATER RATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM—The California Public Utilities Commission has authorized San Jose Water Company to implement a Water Rate Assistance Program (WRAP) intended to lessen the effects of water rates on low-income families. San Jose Water Company's Water Rate Assistance Program provides a 15% discount on the total water bill for customers eligible for the program, based upon the same income qualification guidelines that are used by PG&E's rate assistance CARE program. For more information about the program or to find out if you are eligible, contact San Jose Water Company today at (408) 279-7910 or www.sjwater.com

FRIENDS OF GUADALUPE RIVER PARK & GARDENS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—The Friends of Guadalupe River Park & Gardens provides several volunteer opportunities to get you involved in the beauty of the Park & Gardens. Meet new people and contribute to a great local project! We can accommodate large groups – It is a great team building experience! Volunteer opportunities are also available at the Historic Orchard, Guadalupe River Trails, Dahlia Display Garden, Iris Garden, Native Plants Landscape, and the Drought Tolerant Garden. Flexible hours are available during the week and Saturdays. Groups are welcome. Please contact Lucy Perez for more information at lperez@grpq.org or 408-298-7657.

REBUILDING TOGETHER—Rebuilding Together is the nation's largest volunteer home repair agency. Last year, their Silicon Valley affiliate repaired and rehabilitated 95 homes and non-profit facilities, utilizing 1500 volunteers. Right now they are gearing up for their April Rebuilding Days program. This event will bring together volunteers to provide free repair work to low-income homeowners and non-profit groups. All the work is 100% free to the applicant. Their projects focus on neighborhood revitalization and safety improvement, but all projects are open for application. For more information or to download an application, call (408) 578-9519 or visit www.rebuildingtogether-sv.org.

ELKS LODGE HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP—San Jose Elks Lodge #522 is a wonderful asset to the local community. They offer a variety of community services including breakfasts, and RV park and highway clean-ups. They also support the community with thousands of dollars each year in philanthropy to local community organizations such as the Boy Scouts, Campfire Boys & Girls, Soccer leagues, drug-awareness programs and much, much more. They have a monthly highway clean-up in which you can participate. For more information please contact the Elks Lodge by calling 408-498-3880 or visit them online at <http://sjelks522.com/>.

San Jose Public Art Program

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

DEADLINE: March 30, 2007 at
5:00PM

The city is currently looking for local artists to include in its artist pool for beautification projects around the city. Artists who are U.S. Residents or who have a US Social Security or Tax Identification Number are eligible to apply. Artists will be selected on criteria that include aesthetic merit of their past work, appropriateness of artist's chosen medium to the projects, and success or interest in creating public art. You can find more information and an application here: <http://www.callforentry.org/>

Events/ Meetings

KONA Litter Pick Up

Please join Councilmember Madison Nguyen and KONA residents on **Saturday, March 17th, 2007** from 9:00 AM-12PM at Hubbard Elementary School to pick up litter and trash in the neighborhood. We look forward to seeing you there!

When: Saturday, March 17, 2007 at 9AM-12PM
Where: Hubbard Elementary School
1745 June Avenue, San Jose, CA 95112
Contact: Lorena Roman, 408-535-4994

FREE Electronic Waste Recycling

Don't dump it, recycle it! Earth Care Recycling is hosting a FREE electronic waste recycling event on Saturday, March 24- They will accept computers and other electronic equipment including fax machines, keyboards, stereos, and much more. Please contact Steve Ramona for more information at Steve Ramona 408-573-8573 or via email at steve@earthcarerecycling.com

When: Saturday, March 24, 2007 from 9:00AM-3:00PM
Where: George Shirakawa Community Center, 2072 Lucretia Ave

VACC Community Meeting

Councilmember Nguyen and city staff will be present at this meeting to discuss and receive community input regarding the proposed Vietnamese American Community Center project. Please come to the meeting to voice your opinions. Call 535-4907 for more information

March 25, 2007
2:00PM-3:30PM
Location: George Shirakawa Community Center, 2072 Lucretia Ave.

Partnerships for Safe Schools and Neighborhoods—A Community Forum on Youth, Crime, and Public Safety

During this community forum we want to engage in thoughtful discussion between school officials, representatives from the police department, parents and students to collaboratively look for solutions to the Youth and Gang problems in our district.

April 22, 2007
10:00AM-12:00PM
Andrew Hill High School-Cafeteria

Town Hall Meeting-Budget

Our next Town Hall meeting will discuss something very important-the budget. We want to hear what you think is important and what is a priority in our district. Councilmember Nguyen and city staff will be present to answer your questions.

May 10, 2007
6:30PM-8:00PM
Tully Community Library-880 Tully Road

Great American Litter Pick Up

Join the Mayor and Councilmembers to pick up litter throughout the City of San Jose. This annual event will take place on Saturday, May 19, 2007. Mark your calendars and keep an eye for more details to come!

For more information contact 535-4907